

SENATE BILL 2270

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57,
relative to consumption of alcoholic beverages.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(29), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(E) "Premises," when:

(i) Referring to one (1) or more establishments licensed under this chapter that are located within an area licensed either by a nonprofit organization pursuant to subdivision (34)(I) or a person, firm, or corporation with a festival operator license issued pursuant to subdivision (16) for the event in question; and

(ii) The establishments have been included in a list provided to the commission by the licensed nonprofit organization or festival operator of the participating establishments;

includes the area licensed pursuant to subdivision (34)(I) or subdivision (16), during the period in which such license is valid, for the sole purposes of on-premises consumption. The participating establishments shall serve alcoholic beverages and beer in a glass or cup identifying the entity selling the alcoholic beverages or beer for on-premises consumption pursuant to this subdivision (29)(E). Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, it is not a violation of this state's laws for persons to cross state lines with alcoholic beverages or beer solely for personal consumption when that is done at an event approved by the commission that borders the state line and such contiguous state

has also approved the open carrying of alcoholic beverages or beer for personal consumption with regard to that same event;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(34), is amended by adding the following new subdivision (l):

(l)

(i) An entity applying for a license under this subdivision (34) may specify in the application an area within the designated licensed premises in which establishments licensed under this chapter located in such area may allow purchasers of alcoholic beverages or beer within the establishment to consume the alcoholic beverages or beer anywhere within such designated area pursuant to subdivision (29)(E). An entity designating such a premises pursuant to this subdivision (34)(l) may, but is not required to, sell alcoholic beverages for consumption within such area in addition to the sale of alcoholic beverages by establishments licensed under this chapter located within such area. An entity designating such an area shall:

(a) Obtain, and provide to the commission, approval from the city or county within which the designated area is located for alcoholic beverages and beer to be consumed anywhere within such designated area. Such approval may specify requirements or restrictions the city or county may place, including the times in which consumption on public property is authorized, the security that must exist during such event, and other requirements or restrictions that are deemed necessary for purposes of public health, safety, or welfare; and

(b) Provide to the commission a list of all establishments licensed pursuant to this chapter who will participate in the event and allow

customers to consume alcoholic beverages and beer within the designated area pursuant to this subdivision (34)(I) and subdivision (29)(E). This list may be updated prior to the start of the event for which the nonprofit entity has obtained a license under this subdivision (34)(I); and

(ii) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, it is not a violation of this state's laws for persons to cross state lines with alcoholic beverages or beer solely for personal consumption when that is done at an event approved by the commission that borders the state line and such contiguous state has also approved the open carrying of alcoholic beverages or beer for personal consumption with regard to that same event;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(34)(C), is amended by deleting the language "twelve (12) special occasion licenses" and substituting "sixteen (16) special occasion licenses".

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.